

The Indian River County District School Board met on Tuesday, August 14, 2012, at 9:00 a.m. The discussion was held in the Teacher Education Center located at the J.A. Thompson Administrative Center, 1990 25th Street, Vero Beach, Florida. School Board Members attending were: Chairman Jeff Pegler, Vice Chairman Carol Johnson, and Board Members: Matthew McCain, Karen Disney-Brombach, and Claudia Jiménez. Dr. Frances J. Adams, Superintendent of Schools, and School Board Attorney Suzanne D'Agresta were also present.

Round Table Discussion

- I. Chairman Pegler opened the discussion.
- II. Items Placed on Agenda by Board Members – Chairman Pegler
 - A. Mrs. Johnson**
 1. 2012 Industry Appreciation Award
Mrs. Johnson stated that she proposed to the Indian River County Chamber of Commerce that Vero Beach Elementary School be considered for the 2012 Industry Appreciation Award. Dr. Adams stated that an official open house would be scheduled in the late fall for Vero Beach Elementary School.
 2. J. A. Thompson Plaque
Mrs. Johnson stated that it would be appropriate to have the plaque moved to the District Office. She said that she was extremely pleased with the progress of the new Osceola Magnet School facility. Mr. Morrison reported on projects accomplished and those underway.
 - B. Mrs. Disney-Brombach**
 1. Legislative Priorities for 2013 Legislative Session
Board Members discussed the “draft” and made suggestions. Areas discussed were: Adequate Funding; Class Size; Capital Outlay and School Construction; Teacher Performance Pay and Teacher Evaluation Systems; 0.25 critical Operating Needs Millage; Public Educational Capital Outlay Funds (PECO); Accountability with Flexibility; Exceptional Student Education (including ESOL, etc.); and Pre-K Funding. Mrs. Disney-Brombach noted that she would prepare the final document, send it to the Board Members for a final review, and place it on the next District School Board business meeting for adoption.
 2. Mrs. Disney-Brombach gave an update on Florida School Boards Associations position regarding an elected versus an appointed Commissioner of Education. She encouraged others to send their thoughts on this topic to the Governor.
 - C. Ms. Jiménez**
 1. Scheduling of Meeting Dates for 2012-2013 School Year
Ms. Jiménez suggested changing the alternate business meeting week for workshop and discussion sessions from Tuesdays to Thursdays. Mrs. Johnson noted that the time slots for 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month

should be filled before going to the alternate Thursdays. Dr. Adams stated that if there was a situation that required using the alternate Thursday, Board Members would be contacted. Board Members agreed to let the Chairman know if they cannot attend a specific meeting or workshop. At that point the Chairman would contact the Superintendent. It was stated that Board Members should let the Board's Executive Assistant know when they were not available on any given alternate Thursday. It was requested that the time for the Student Progression Plan on September 25 be moved to 1 p.m. to keep the meeting times without large gaps of time in between.

2. Credit Recovery Tactics

Ms. Jiménez expressed her concerns on the use of computer programs for course recover and how the District was spending funds. It was suggested that the District find out from Martin County what worked for them and what did not work. Mrs. D'Albora explained the Common Core, new level that was expected, and challenging students. Dr. Adams talked about training administrators and teachers.

3. Referendum and Business Support

Ms. Jiménez talked about engaging businesses in the community for their support of education. Dr. Adams said that she would contact the schools for a list of business who were supporting the education of students to find out if there were any gaps in support. It was suggested that the School District participate with the County in presenting the State of the School District to share the District's Vision. Dr. Adams said that they were scheduling a Summit in the fall with activities planned for National Literacy Day. It was noted that the Board planned to wear T-Shirts on the 28th in support of the Reading Initiative/Goal. It was suggested that the District consider a form of recognition for all business donors.

3. Organization Chart

Ms. Jiménez requested to have the names placed under the positions on the Chart, as a point of contact information for the Board.

D. Mr. McCain

No items.

E. Chairman Pegler

1. Vacant Position on County's MPO Citizen's Advisory Board (CAC)

Board Members discussed the skill set needed for this position. Note: This item would be placed on the next Round Table.

4. Former Osceola Site Safety Issue

Mr. Morrison gave an update on the meetings held by the Land Use and Acquisition Committee. Mrs. Johnson said that the Board needed to be presented with all possible scenarios presented for the vacant Osceola site.

3. Quarterly Information Session
Board Members and Superintendent agreed to hold its Quarterly Information Session on September 20 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the Support Services Complex. Dr. Adams stated that staff would give an update from 9-11 a.m.
5. St. Peter's Academy Follow-up
Chairman Pegler said that he received a letter in regard to his concern. Mr. Morrison stated that they had another change in auditors. It was noted that it was time for the Board to take a close look at the audit, when it was completed.

III. Items Placed on Agenda by Superintendent – Dr. Adams

A. Update on Board Policy 3.40 Personnel Evaluation

Dr. Adams presented proposed language. Board Members discussed and made suggestions. Dr. Adams said that she would make the changes as suggested and bring it back to the Board to start the policy adoption process.

B. Hurricane Preparedness

Ms. Roberts gave an update on the District's Plan. It was noted that the Red Cross would be the site administrators, and the principals would help to facilitate and be responsible for locking down all rooms that would be considered off limits. Red Cross training was scheduled for August 30. Ms. Roberts said that she would forward a list of the sites and personnel to the Board.

C. Fellsmere Property

Mr. Morrison gave an update on the property acquisition for Fellsmere Elementary project.

D. Quarterly Travel Report vs. Monthly

Board Members were in favor of quarterly reports.

E. Dates for Board Policy Review with NEOLA

Board Members agreed to hold Discussion Sessions with NEOLA regarding School Board Policies on the following dates.

September 18 at 9 a.m.

October 30 at 9 a.m.

November 20 (This date was later cancelled due to a conflict.)

December 11 at 9 a.m. (This date was rejected by NEOLA.)

IV. Board Committee Reports – Chairman Pegler

Mrs. Disney-Brombach stated that she would be leaving the 1 p.m. workshop early.

Ms. Jiménez reported on the meeting she attended at Connected 4Kids and the Girl on Girl Bullying screening in Port St. Lucie. She also encouraged Board Members and staff to attend the same screening that would be held on August 23 at 1 p.m. at the County Administration Building, Room B501.

Mrs. Disney-Brombach reported on the meeting with Treasure Coast Council of Local Governments (TCCLG). She asked for suggested topics. Dr. Adams suggested the Learning Alliance.

V. ADJOURNMENT – Chairman Pegler

With no further topics, the discussion adjourned at approximately 11:08 a.m.